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## ON THE ROAD: MAKING THE CASE FOR TRAVEL PROGRAMS

The winter of 2008 found Furman alumni and friends taking two highly successful and extremely different university-sponsored trips. The Alumni Association hopes these excursions will mark the beginning of a revitalized alumni travel program.

In January a group traveled to the Cliffs at Patagonia in Chile, an ecological resort being developed by Jim Anthony of the Cliffs Properties in Greenville. Jim is a good friend of Furman, and the 18 people in our entourage were the first sizable group to visit the resort, which opened in December.

We were led by Frank Powell, longtime professor of health and exercise science, and his wife, Jane. Our travelers included Carl Kohrt '65 and Bill Howes '59, the last two chairs, respectively, of the Furman board of trustees, and their wives Lynne and Mary; a father/daughter alumni pair; suitemates from the '70s; a set of current parents, one of whom is an alum; and two alumnae from the '60s. My wife (Diane Wedgworth '78) and I had the privilege of accompanying the group. We were a diverse lot, but with our shared Furman experiences we bonded immediately.

The Cliffs at Patagonia is beautiful beyond description. The trip to get there is arduous, taking almost 24 hours, but once you arrive the scenery is so breathtaking that any fatigue melts away. We stayed in cabins on cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and each cabin had its own wood-fired hot tub with a magnificent view.

The food and activities were well planned and offered something for everyone. Among the trip's highlights was a bumpy boat ride to view penguins, sea lions, cormorants, whales and abalone fishermen. We enjoyed hiking, bird watching, horseback riding,



*The Cliffs at Patagonia offers stunning scenery and exceptional accommodations.*

poetry readings, and incredible food and entertainment by local performers. We also paid a visit to a girls' home, where we donated computer equipment we had brought from the States.

As much fun as the sights and sounds of Chile were, the people on the trip and our hosts at the resort were what made the week so memorable. I renewed friendships, made new friends, and learned how talented and funny some of our alumni really are.

The staff at the Cliffs at Patagonia became our extended family, and we all wanted to bring them back to the *Estados Unidos* and show them some Furman hospitality. On one of our last nights there, we gathered the staff, told them the story of "Brown Eyes," and serenaded them. On departure day, more than a few tears were shed as we said goodbye to our hosts.

Only a few days after I returned to Furman from South America, Jane Dungan, my colleague in the Alumni Office, took 13 alumni and friends on a four-day trip to Charleston, S.C.

With the help of Bill Lavery, professor emeritus of history, and Steve O'Neill '82, a current member of the department, the group enjoyed an inside look at the culture, commerce and history of the Charleston area and examined the city's ongoing efforts at preservation, restoration and renovation. They stayed at the historic Francis Marion Hotel, visited museums, art galleries and plantations, and enjoyed a lowcountry dinner at Lavery's new home in Mount Pleasant.

The Charleston School of Law allowed the Furman group to use one of its classrooms for a lecture by O'Neill, a local product, on his hometown's myths and legends. The group took

private tours of Charleston Harbor and the Gibbes Museum and visited the Charleston Tea Plantation, the only active tea plantation in North America. They also enjoyed a reception at the Smith-Killian Gallery and a lowcountry cuisine cooking class at the famous Charleston Cooks.

The trip was unique in that it brought together alumni from several different decades. The planned activities were of interest to everyone, and before the week was over they wanted to know where we would be going on our next trip.

We hope you'll be interested in future travel programs, because the success of these two ventures has encouraged us to develop more opportunities for Furman folks to see the world together.

Stay tuned for details. We look forward to having you join us on our next trip.

— TOM TRIPLITT '76  
Director, Alumni Association



## CLASS NOTES, SUMMER 2008

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**K. Lee “Chunk” Atkinson** has been honored by the Elbert County (Ga.) Historical Society with the publication of *K. Lee Atkinson: The Legend of the Granite Bowl*. The book details his work from 1948-64 as football coach at Elberton High School and from 1965-77 as superintendent of the county schools.

### 56

An organ has been donated to Mount Herman Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., in honor of **Mitch Carnell**. A celebration service was held at the church April 20, during which Mitch was recognized for his work with the Charleston Speech and Hearing Center, his teaching, lecturing and writing career, and his involvement in community and church activities.

### 58

#### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Ben Rogers** has retired from the pastorate of Hunt’s Memorial Baptist Church in Easley, S.C. During more than 40 years in the ministry, he served as pastor of a number of churches in South Carolina and Virginia.

### 62

**Fred Hasher** was inducted into the Gloucester County (N.J.) Sports Hall of Fame in March. He was one of south Jersey’s top all-around high school athletes in the 1950s, excelling in football, baseball, basketball and track. He was for many years an Atlantic Coast Conference basketball referee and is retired as a project manager with Harper Brothers Office Supply Co. in Greenville.

### 65

Poems by **Michael Lucas** appear on the University of South Carolina Poetry Initiative Web page at [www.cas.sc.edu/engl/poetry/Chapbook\\_Poets/LucasM.html](http://www.cas.sc.edu/engl/poetry/Chapbook_Poets/LucasM.html). Michael lives in North Charleston and is a professional golfer and teacher.

### 69

**June Aiken Wise** of Johnston, S.C., has been selected the 2008 Teacher of the Year for Palmetto Unified School District 1. She is the first teacher of the year in the history of the district, which consists of teachers from across the state who work within Department of Corrections prisons. She has taught for 27 years, the past 10 as a high school English instructor at Trenton Correctional in Edgefield County.

### 72

**Rich Mays**, owner of Sonare Recordings in Savannah, Ga., engineered a recording of the Houston Symphony for Naxos Records last November. Among his other recent projects are work with Christ Church Cathedral (Nashville, Tenn.), jazz guitarist Howard Alden, the American Brass Quintet and several Savannah Music Festival presentations for National Public Radio’s “Performance Today.”

### 73

#### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Chris Hunkler** has been named president of the San Diego Golf Academy. Previously he was managing director of membership programs for the PGA of America. After leaving her faculty position in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, **Carolyn Thiedke** completed a six-month tour in Malawi with Doctors Without Borders, working for an HIV project. She is co-founder of South Carolinians for Universal Health Care.

### 74

*Lake of Fire*, the third novel in **Linda Heatwole Jacobs’** series of books set in Yellowstone National Park, was a finalist for the 2008 Spur Awards, sponsored by Western Writers of America, in the category of best original mass market paperback. *Lake* also won the New Mexico Press Women’s 2008 Excellence in Communications competition in the novel category. Linda wrote about her work in the Summer 2007 issue of *Furman*. Visit [www.readlindajacobs.com](http://www.readlindajacobs.com).

**W. Lindsay Smith**, an attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, has been named to the Greenville regional board of directors of First National Bank of the South.

### 76

**Judy Hearn Green** was selected the Clarke County (Ga.) District Teacher of the Year and also received the Mae Whatley Teaching Award from the county’s Foundation of Excellence in Public Education. She has taught for 32 years at Alps Road Elementary School in Athens, Ga.

### 77

**John Cottingham** of Del Mar, Calif., has been elected to the board of directors of the California Healthcare Institute, a public policy research organization. John is senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Invitrogen Corporation. **Mark Powers** of Columbia, S.C., has become the worship and music director for the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He has been involved in music ministry in the state for 27 years.

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#### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Paul Huffman** has been named general manager of nuclear project engineering for Xcel Energy in Minneapolis, Minn. He is responsible for all capital nuclear plant projects.

**John F. Mulholland, Jr.**, was nominated by President Bush to command U.S. Army Special Operations at Fort Bragg, N.C. Once confirmed, he was scheduled to be promoted to three-star general. He most recently served as commander of Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

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**Lisa Baroody Culpepper** graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2007 with a Master of Divinity degree. She is now pastor of Marion (S.C.) Presbyterian Church.

**Robert Pendergrast** has opened Aiken-Augusta Holistic Health for the practice of integrative medicine. The new practice also offers weekly on-line health bulletins at [www.realfoodsthatheal.com](http://www.realfoodsthatheal.com). He remains on the faculty of the Medical College of Georgia and provides health workshops for the community.

### 80

**Monte Dutton** was named writer of the year by the National Motorsports Press Association during its annual convention in January. He received the George Cunningham Award. Monte, a former sports information director at Furman, has been motorsports writer for the *Gastonia* (N.C.) *Gazette* since 1996. He is the author or co-author of nine books, and his stories appear regularly on AOL Sports and in other syndicated fare.

**Donald Locke**, legal counsel for Connectyx Technologies, has been named to the company's board of directors. The company is a provider of business and consumer intelligent software. Since receiving her Master of Divinity degree in 2006, **Leslie Branch Raymer** has been engaged in the ordination process of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. She was voted ordainable pending a call to ministry in October and is currently in chaplaincy training (clinical pastoral education) at an Atlanta hospital.

**MARRIAGE:** **Stan Harlow** and Margie Winkle, November 18. They live in Elizabethtown, Ky. Stan is a chaplain in the U.S. Army and was promoted to lieutenant colonel April 2.

**82**  
**MARRIAGE:** **Alexander Bullock** and Elizabeth Avery, March 15. They live in Alexandria, Va.

**83**  
**THIS YEAR IS REUNION!**  
**Vicki Boyer Denfeld** of South Riding, Va., has been promoted to senior vice president of sales and marketing for Crestline Hotels & Resorts.

**Lynne Daniel Ivey** is director of continuing education (accreditation and professional development) for Duke University's Medical Center, Health System and Schools of Medicine. She previously worked at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.

**Cathy Carlson Johnson** of Little River, S.C., is a sixth-grade teacher at North Myrtle Beach Middle School. The Horry Soil and Water Conservation District named her the 2007 Conservation Educator of the Year for her leadership in conservation education.

Soprano **Karen Parks** has released a CD titled *"Nobody Knows: Songs of Harry T.*

*Burleigh,"* featuring spirituals and compositions by Burleigh, a composer, arranger and soloist considered by many to be the "father of spirituals." The CD debuted at No. 2 on *Billboard* magazine's traditional classical music chart in February. Karen has presented concerts of songs from the CD at Furman and at New York's Carnegie Hall. Visit [www.karenparks.com](http://www.karenparks.com).

**84**  
**Ray Langdale** accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an operations officer in Wiesbaden, Germany, in February. He and his wife, **Monica Allen Langdale**, a personal trainer, relocated after he completed an active duty assignment with the U.S. Army Reserve. He is now an active reserve lieutenant colonel.

**85**  
**Rick Fleming** (M.A.) of Anderson, S.C., is safety director and instructor for Swift Transportation. He previously taught in the public schools and was assistant director of continuing education at Tri-County Technical College.

**John Gardner**, formerly a senior planner for Greenville County, is now economic development coordinator for the town of Mauldin, S.C.

**Matt Martin**, professor of English and holder of the Knox Chair of Humanities at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., was awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture at Vilnius (Lithuania) Pedagogical University from February to June. He taught a survey course in American literature to third-year undergraduates and led a creative writing seminar for master's level students.

**Linda Petrakis**, who has been in real estate sales for seven years in South Florida, achieved top 1 percent selling status internationally in 2007 for Caldwell Banker. She lives in Boca Raton.

**86**  
**Leonard Brown** of Greenville runs Advanced Media Systems, a company that helps churches enhance their worship experience by installing multimedia projection systems, high definition displays, new lighting and digital sound equipment. The company was named one of the Top 50 Systems Integrators in the United States by *Systems Contractor News Magazine*.

**Edward Earl** has moved from San Diego, Calif., to Lynnwood, Wash., and now works as a consultant for 4ward Sciences, Inc.

**Terri McCord** of Greenville was awarded the 2007 Don Russ Poetry Prize by the *Kennesaw Review* for her poem "Seen Through." She has two chapbooks scheduled for publication this year, *The Art and the Wait* from Finishing Line Press and *In the Company of Animals* from the University of South Carolina Press.

**B. Carter Rogers** has been reappointed chief of surgery at Newton Medical Center in Covington, Ga.

**Kathy Hart Wood** is golf instructor and teaching professional at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster Township, N.J. She was included on *Golf for Women* magazine's list of Top 50 teachers and is the founder of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of South Florida.

**BIRTH:** Peter and **Suzanne Smith Klingelhofer**, a son, Wilson Sharp, January 18, Columbus, Ohio.

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**Laura Roberts Adair**, media specialist at Irmo (S.C.) Elementary School, has earned national board certification.

**Christopher Brasher**, a judge for the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia.

**Jane Harris Downey** has been named a 2008 South Carolina Super Lawyer. She is living in Shenzhen, China, for the second half of this year.

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**THIS YEAR IS REUNION!**  
**Chris Atwell** of Austin, Texas, has become a partner in the law firm of Kasling, Hemphill, Dolezal & Atwell, LLP.

**Mariam Weber Dittmann** has become vice president of academic affairs at Bainbridge College in Georgia. She previously worked at Georgia Perimeter College in Clarkston.

**Kevin Moore** recently was named managing director of Arizona Theatre Company, a professional regional theatre operating in Phoenix and Tucson.

**MARRIAGE:** **Nathalie Coté** and Jim Scott, January 12. Nathalie is chair of the psychology department at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C.

**BIRTHS:** **Tommy** and **Jenifer Little**, twin sons, Barrett Brandt and Traynor Wells, January 14, Tampa, Fla.

**ADOPTION:** **J. Scott** and **Deborah Derrick**, a daughter, Gracie Christine, born January 31. Scott is director of student activities and the University Center at Furman.

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**Roger Courtney Krueger**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pendleton, S.C., won the Baptist History and Heritage Society's 2008 Baptist Heritage Preaching Contest for his sermon on the topic of religious liberty, titled "Until Moss Grows on My Eyebrows." He was scheduled to preach his winning sermon at the Baptist History and Heritage Society's meeting in Atlanta in May.

**BIRTHS:** **Keith '90** and **Amy Taylor Bender**, a daughter, Lucy Jean, August 18, 2007, Glendale, Wis.

**Ted** and **Dawn Saad Bibbes**, a daughter, Charlotte Jane, September 3, Cumming, Ga.

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**Brian Williams** of Taylors, S.C., is employed by KeyMark Inc. He designs and implements document scanning and automated data capture solutions.

**BIRTHS:** **Julius** and **Tawanda Cooper Dixon**, a son, Devin Wesley, March 23, 2007, Greenville.

**Bill** and **Jacque Foster**, a son, Reece William, February 25, Greenville.

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**Andy Beam**, a corporate banker with BB&T in Knoxville, Tenn., was named to the *Knoxville News-Sentinel's* list of 40 business and community leaders under the age of 40 who are making their mark in East Tennessee.

**MARRIAGE:** **Max Austin** and Shannon Necaise, February 16. Max is president and owner of Austin Mortgage Group, a mortgage brokerage firm in Mountain Brook, Ala.

**BIRTHS:** James and **Kristi Smith Cavin**, a son, Emory James, July 10, 2007, Norcross, Ga.

**Michael** and **Michelle Parks Wyatt**, a son, Lucas Dunton, February 18, 2007, Columbia, S.C.

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**Barbara Emener Karasek** received the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of South Florida School of Mass Communications, where she earned her master's degree. She is director of corporate marketing for the PGA TOUR.

**Rick Owens** received his Master of Music Education degree from Boston University in January. He is director of music at Kannapolis (N.C.) Intermediate School.

**W. Curtis Rush, Jr.**, has been named vice president of the National Bank of South Carolina in Greenville. He joined NBSC as branch manager of the Wade Hampton office.

**MARRIAGE:** **Ames Asbell** and Todd Alley, November 30. They live in Austin, Texas. Ames performs with the Tosca String Quartet, Austin Symphony and Austin Lyric Opera (principal violist) and teaches at Texas State University. Todd owns Crush Advertising.

**BIRTH:** Tracy and **Judy Walthall Ireland**, a son, Darcy Durham, May 28, 2007, Cumming, Ga.

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### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Jim Bowling** has been hired as director of consumer insights by Integrative Logic, an Atlanta-based integrated database-marketing service provider.

**Randall Traynham** of Laurens, S.C., has been promoted to assistant vice president and corporate services officer for The Palmetto Bank.

**MARRIAGES:** **Susan Penick** and Chett Graham, September 8. Susan completed her master's degree in business administration at Georgia State University and works as a human resource business partner with Verizon in Atlanta.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS PLANS FOR HOMECOMING 2008

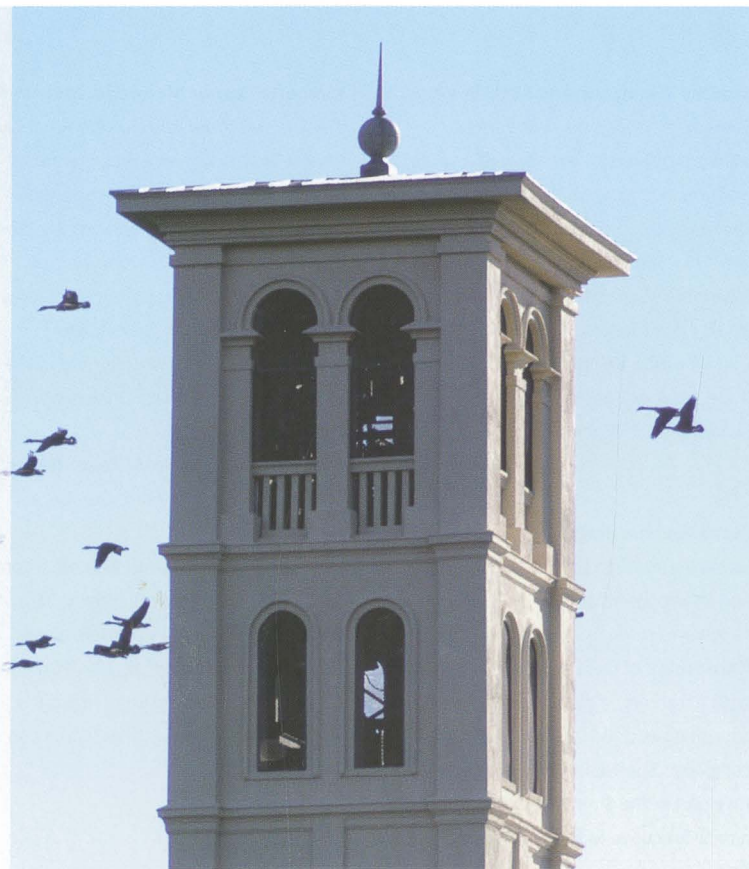
Plans are in full swing for Homecoming 2008 October 10-12, and it is expected to be an extraordinary weekend indeed!

Furman is planning a yearlong celebration of its move to the "new" campus 50 years ago, so the weekend will include special activities tied to that theme. Following Saturday's football game against Western Carolina, the Homecoming party for all alumni will be held at Fluor Field (Greenville Drive Stadium) in Greenville's historic West End, near the site of the "old" men's campus.

Classes in reunion this fall end in 3 and 8. In keeping with Furman's commitment to sustainability, the four youngest reunion classes (1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003) and members of non-reunion classes from 1989 to 2007 will not receive hard copies of the Homecoming brochure. If you are a member of one of these classes, you will receive an e-mail reminder regarding Homecoming, so please be sure that Furman has your current electronic address on file.

Reunion information and registration forms will be available on-line by mid-August at <http://alumni.furman.edu>. Make your reservations early, and we'll see you October 10-12 on campus.

The "new" one, that is!



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## 2007-08 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74, president; Randolph W. Blackwell '63, president elect; Clare Folio Morris '83, vice president; James H. Simkins, Jr. '78, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost '89; Lynn Neely Bailey '78; Venita Tyus Billingslea '81; Frank W. Blackwell '90; John M. Block '63; J. Chris Brown '89; Mary Lou Walch Cagle '69; H. Furman Cantrell '61; Bobby E. Church '78; David S. Cobb '90; Paul D. Goebel '63; Vicki Bieksha Johnson '93; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. '59; William A. Lampley '41; J. Cordell Maddox '54; Joseph C. Moon, Jr. '76; Ellison L. Smith '89; Cynthia Black Sparks '80; Heyward M. Sullivan '59; William N. Turrentine '64; Daniel R. Varat '88; Connie Gartrell Williams '74

Ex-Officio and Other Members: David Shi '73, president; Michael Gatchell '91, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt '76, director of Alumni Association; Jane Dungan, associate director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of Alumni Association; Cari Williams Hicks '97, president, Young Alumni Council; Frances Flowers '09, president, Student Alumni Council; Christina Henderson '08, president, Association of Furman Students; Brad Cake '08, president, Senior Class

**Bradley Thompson** and Michelle Diggs, September 15. Bradley has earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice performance and pedagogy from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

**BIRTHS:** **Scott** and **Sandy Altizer**, a daughter, Samantha Kate, August 8, 2007, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Carl** and **Julia Willingham Townsend**, a son, Charles Willingham Townsend, September 19, Austin, Texas.

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**Steve Feyl** has been promoted to associate university librarian for outreach, planning and development at Pace University in New York.

**Kara Finley** of Decatur, Ga., is a partner with Accenture, a global management consulting and technology services company. She was recently invited to take part in the Smith College Consortium, a mini-Executive M.B.A. program.

**Kimberly Currier McAdams** works with the national home office of the American Cancer Society as managing director of talent development. She is responsible for nationwide learning and organizational development strategy in line with the American Cancer Society Talent Strategy initiative. She lives in Gilbert, Ariz.

**Jeffrey Westbrook** is a member of the English faculty at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

**BIRTHS:** **Matt** and **Susie Teate Geyer**, a daughter, Jaye Elizabeth, October 8, Dacula, Ga.

**Larry** and **Laura Mayhall Merrill**, a son, Samuel Brent, October 8, Birmingham, Ala.

**Lance** and **Christine Plumblee**, a son, Jordan Cash, February 26, 2007, Greenville.

**Mark** and **Stacey Souther**, a daughter, Keely Amanda, April 1, Cleveland, Ohio.

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**Bo Ferguson**, previously assistant town manager in Black Mountain, N.C., is now city manager of Hendersonville, N.C.

**Jeff Sexton** has accepted a position as senior turnaround manager with Dow Chemical's chlor-vinyl business in Freeport, Texas.

**Jennie Shaw** is regional sales manager for Trimed, Inc., an orthopedic company in Los Angeles.

**MARRIAGE:** **Brett Buzzell** and **Jennifer Hartel**, March 22. Brett is a member of the business department at Hillcrest High School in Simpsonville, S.C.

**BIRTHS:** **Scott** and **Cortney Combs Baker**, a son, Timothy Warren, September 29, Cary, N.C.

**Bryan** and **Beth Fleming Barnes**, a son, Jacob Christopher, March 5, Wake Forest, N.C.

**Michael** and **Jennifer Jackson Deason**, a daughter, Emma Grace, February 21, 2007. They live in Lexington, S.C.

**Greg** and **Cady Holloway Dugger**, a daughter, Christine Elizabeth, April 17, 2007, Duluth, Ga.

**Tony** and **Bridget Kerr Palmer**, a son, Thomas Jerome, September 5, Cumming, Ga. Tony is a clinical psychologist in private practice.

**Langley** and **Diane Whitehead Respass**, a son, James Samuel, March 29, 2007, Atlanta.

**Chris** and **Sarah Cain Statham**, a son, Carson Campbell, April 18, 2007, Portland, Ore. Sarah is chair of the special education department at Centennial High School.

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**Sarah Moses** and her husband, Will Schenck, live in Boston where she is completing a Ph.D. in theological ethics at Boston College.

**MARRIAGE:** **Gina Carreno** and **Greg Lukasik**, March 2. They live in Boynton

Beach, Fla. Both are sociology instructors at Florida Atlantic University.

**BIRTHS:** **Dann** and **Anne-Marie Sanders Angeloff**, a daughter, Mary Kate, December 9, Newport Beach, Calif.

**Adrian** '97 and **Victoria Foss Bowers**, a son, Emerson Grant, February 16, Reno, Nev. Adrian earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada and works as a psychologist at High Desert State Prison in Susanville, Calif. Victoria is a foster care liaison with Washoe County Social Services.

**Nolan** and **Tavia Smith Davis**, a son, Jack Henry, November 6, 2006, Hendersonville, N.C.

**Danny** and **Emily Fletcher Kapic**, triplets, Fletcher Daniel, Parker Andrew and Bailey Catherine, January 26. Danny manages the Sacramento, Calif., office of Marcus and Millichap, a brokerage firm.

**Mark** and **Katie Morgan Lester**, a son, Brandon Thomas, January 11, Norcross, Ga.

**Lou** and **Karen Egglund Muzi**, a son, Charles Gregory, December 29, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Lou is a sales manager for Premier Beverage, and Karen works in the luxury real estate market.

**John** and **Sara Mays Nastopoulos**, a daughter, Elizabeth Bellamy, August 14, 2007, Cleveland, Ohio. Both John and Sara are employed in the national office-Professional Practice Group of Ernst & Young LLP.

**Daryl** and **Dana Hess Olson**, a daughter, Hannah Joy, June 3, 2007, Gloucester, Mass.

**Alan** and **Kimberly George Taylor**, a son, Matthew George, September 10. They live in Cary, N.C.

**Justin** and **Sarah Revis Wyatt**, a son, William Creighton, October 4, Clinton, S.C.

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**Todd Edwards** was recently awarded a Master of Business Administration degree by Clemson University.

**Stephanie Hood** of Denver, Colo., is pursuing a master's degree in legal administration at the University of Denver. **Vernon Huff** was named lead choral director for the Charleston (S.C.) County School District. Last spring he made a presentation titled "Assessment in the Secondary Choral Classroom" at an interest session for the American Choral Directors Association. He is choral director at Wando High School in Mount Pleasant. **J. Alan Sharrer** of Bakersfield, Calif., is books editor for Hollywood Jesus, a Web site dedicated to examining pop culture from a spiritual point of view. Visit [www.hollywoodjesus.com](http://www.hollywoodjesus.com).

**Katherine Tumlinson** lives in Durham, N.C., and is an associate program officer with Family Health International. She recently completed a master's degree in sustainable international development at Brandeis University. As part of her graduate work she spent a year in Peru doing an assessment of postpartum care and family planning.

**MARRIAGES:** **Lisa DeJaco** and Marc Crutcher, September 22. Lisa is a partner at Wyatt Tarrant & Combs in Louisville, Ky., where she practices commercial litigation, particularly intellectual property and appellate work.

**Barb Lauerman** and Philip Andrews, March 22. They live in Vancouver, Wash. Barb is an elementary school teacher and Phil is an attorney.

**Christopher Joseph Theil** and Karen Lynne Baynard, February 23. They live in Heber City, Utah, where he is manager of a branch of Mountain America Credit Union. She is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

**BIRTHS:** Ryan and **Cyndee Lee Bonacci**, a son, Phillip Ryan, January 22. Cyndee is director of parks and recreation for the city of Snellville, Ga., and Ryan is the senior sales associate with John Hancock Brokerage in Duluth.

**Brian** and Kelly **Cross**, a daughter, Haley Amber, January 16, Tallahassee, Fla.

**David '96 and Melinda Smith Davidson**, a son, Ryan James, August 29, 2007. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

**Micah** and Ginger **Hicks**, a son, Micah William, May 7, 2007. They live in Aiken, S.C., where Micah is head golf professional at Houndslake Country Club.

**Brian and Dawn Villanueva Levy**, a daughter, Veronica Karin, November 12, Atlanta.

**Nakia** and Sarah **Pope**, a daughter, Eleanor Rose, April 10, 2007, Rock Hill, S.C. Nakia is an assistant professor in Winthrop University's Center for Pedagogy.

**Alan and Laura Cave Sanders**, a daughter, Emily Anne, April 3, 2007, Thomasville, Ga.

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### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Jesse and **Jessica Morris Carlton** live in Tampa, Fla., where he works for Honeywell. She formerly worked at the Pentagon.

**Andy Moorman** has been hired as an associate with Bannister & Wyatt in Greenville. His practice focuses primarily on family law, civil litigation and criminal defense.

**Jaime Gilkerson Scott** is a chief accounting officer with an educational service provider in Columbus, Ohio.

**Trevor Still** of Morganton, N.C., has earned a Master of Arts degree in special education from Western Carolina University.

**MARRIAGE:** **Linda Murphy** and Matthew Kall, September 2. Linda is an assistant buyer with Ralph Lauren. They live in Franklin Square, N.Y.

**BIRTHS:** David and **Mary Katherine Cobb Adams**, a daughter, Katherine McCary, July 24, 2007, Mobile, Ala.

**Michael and Ginger Turpen '01 Carnahan**, a son, Declan Alan, October 24, Durham, N.C.

Nathan and **Tanya Bussom Conklin**, a daughter, Sydney Lynn, November 26, Charlotte, N.C.

Stacy and **Julie McAvoy Hover**, a daughter, Isabel Margaret, March 15, 2007, Elberton, Ga.

**Ryan and Julie DeCarlo Moore**, a son, Elliott Cheney, July 24, 2007, Silver Spring, Md. Ryan has entered his second year of a neonatology fellowship and Julie works in a dental office.

Ellison and **Kerrie Seltenheim Patten**, a son, Chase James, February 11, Medfield, Mass.

Wesley and **Susan Watson Peck**, twins, a son, William, and a daughter, Margaret Grace, January 2, Nashville, Tenn.

Chris and **Jenny Nissen Pruitt**, a daughter, Emma Faye, July 12, 2007, Birmingham, Ala.

Ian and **Margaret Meyer Stewart**, a son, Thomas Nolan, December 31, Atlanta. Margaret is a merger and integration finance consultant.

John and **Lindsey Jenkins Thompson**, a daughter, Hollis Kimble, March 25, Atlanta.

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**BIRTHS:** **Derek '98 and Amy Maris Bruff**, a daughter, Lucy Jane, January 4, Nashville, Tenn.

Matthew and **Brandi Fuduric Deets**, a daughter, Anneliese Claire, September 8, Johnson City, Tenn.

**Jeff and Mary Moore DeLoach**, a daughter, Kathryn MacGregor, February 20, Athens, Ga.

**Ricky and Louise Stokes Duval**, a daughter, Kylie Marie, November 26, Lexington, S.C. Louise is a licensed professional counselor and a certified addiction counselor.

**Chris and Lindsay Powell Ford**, a son, Miles Martin, August 7, 2007, West Point, N.Y.

**Steven and Emily Conlon Getz**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, March 26, 2007. Steve is employed with Palmetto Anesthesia Associates in Greenville.

**Jason '00 and Stacey Hoffert Gilbert**, a daughter, Hayley Belle, October 7, Birmingham, Ala.

Keith and **Amy Strickland Gunter**, a daughter, Autumn Lucy, November 4, Kennesaw, Ga.

Howie and **Alice Gregory Hartnett**, a daughter, Abigail Parker, July 12, 2007, Charlotte, N.C.

**Matt Holson** and Jenny Chaplinski, a son, Adam Harris Holson, March 5, St. Cloud, Minn. Both Matt and Jenny are public defenders.

**Matthew** and Sandra **Miller**, a son, Alben James, March 10, Greenville.

**Ryan '98 and Wendy Bennis Westberry**, a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, September 26. They live in West Columbia, S.C.

## 00

**Natalie Byars** has joined the Charleston, S.C., law firm of Clawson & Staubes LLC as an associate practicing general civil litigation and workers' compensation defense.

**Mary Martin Gilreath** is technology account manager for Rosenfeld Einstein, a brokerage and consulting firm in Greenville.

**Jennifer Gnann** is the new elementary school director of Pine Lake Preparatory School, a charter school in Iredell County, N.C. Pine Lake is a K-2 school expanding to K-11 for the 2008-09 school year.

**Des Kitchings**, an assistant football coach at Furman the past four seasons, has joined the staff at Western Michigan University as wide receivers coach.

**Tracy Towle** (M.A. '01) of Miami, Fla., completed her first half marathon on January 27 at the 2008 ING Miami Marathon. She was also featured with

singer Enrique Iglesias on a nationally televised commercial on NBC for "Today."

**MARRIAGES:** **Allison Beeson** and Regan Ashley Costello, November 10. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Kariss Blalock** and Scott Waite, October 20. They live in Sevierville, Tenn. Kariss is owner of New Pathways Counseling and Scott is an electrical engineer.

**Carl Gregg** and Magin McKenna, October 27. They live in Monroe, La. Carl is the associate pastor at Northminster Church and Magin works in the marketing department at Louisiana Tech University.

**Jo Anna McGehee** and William Franklin Fallaw, November 17. She is the Wesley

Fellowship campus minister at Furman and he is director of music and arts and principal organist at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in Greenville.

**Charles Merritt Shanlever** and Ashley Kristin Lane, August 4, 2007. Charles was scheduled to graduate from the School of Pharmacy at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., in May.

**BIRTHS:** **Jake and Cara Rhodes Bostrom**, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, November 6. Cara is a family medicine resident and Jake is an ophthalmology resident in Oklahoma City.

**Steve** and Jessica **Callaham**, a daughter, Madeline, January 3, 2007, Woodstock, Ga.

Benjamin and **Tina Slattery Check**, a son, Mitchell Aiden, June 6, 2007, Greenville.

Chris and **Bethany Barnette Hansz**, a daughter, Evelyn Mallory, May 21, 2007, Greenville.

Brian and **Melody Cadenhead Hunter**, a daughter, Ella Suzanne, September 17, Charlotte, N.C.

**Michael '95 and Christine Powell Kellett**, a daughter, Mattie Caroline, August 30, 2007, Charlotte, N.C. Christine earned a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Christian education from Baptist Theological Seminary.

Patrick and **Allison Stack Nugent**, a son, Quinn Joseph, December 20, Lake Worth, Fla.

Blair and **Stephanie Spottswood Scurlock**, a daughter, Pope Kathryn, May 8, 2007. They live in Greenville where Blair is a director of marketing for Consolidated Tires, Inc., and Stephanie is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Sciele Pharma.

**Tim '01 and Melanie Gladding Van Steenburgh**, a daughter, Lucy Leigh, July 30, 2007, Gainesville, Fla.

David and **Carrie Lyle Williford**, a daughter, Claire Gracen, July 1, 2007, Greenville.

## BORCHS' GENEROSITY SPURS GROWTH OF BLUE SHOES FUND

When Furman recognized Chris Borch '78 with the Gordon L. Blackwell Alumni Service Award April 11, he responded with a compelling announcement of his own.

Borch, whose leadership has made the Blue Shoes Scholarship Fund the most successful athletic fund-raising effort in Furman's history, announced that he and his wife, Andrea, had made a \$1 million gift to the fund.

The Blue Shoes program supports men's and women's cross country and track and field athletes. The Borchs' donation increased the Blue Shoes endowment, established in 2006, to \$2.8 million.

Borch, a California entrepreneur, earned a degree in economics from Furman in 1978. He is founder, chair and CEO of Micro-Mechanics, a company that designs and manufactures precision tools, parts and products used to assemble and test semiconductors.

He made his announcement at the kickoff dinner for the "Blue Shoes Weekend," an annual event that includes an invitational track meet and the "Blue Shoes Mile." The keynote speaker for the dinner was Tommie Smith, 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 meters.

Borch said, "I received a track scholarship at the end of my first year at Furman, and it was that support that allowed me to complete four years at the university. The scholarship opened the door to a great education, and running provided me with invaluable



President Shi presents Andrea and Chris Borch a gift signifying their induction into Benefactors Circle.

lessons. I've always been grateful for the support Furman gave me, and my wife and I have looked forward to the time we could give something back to the university."

The Blue Shoes program is named for a pair of blue ASICS "Onitsuka Tiger" running shoes Borch and his teammates wore while attending Furman.

In presenting Borch the Alumni Service Award for loyal and dedicated service to the university, Furman cited his business success, generous spirit and congenial nature. The university also inducted the Borchs into Benefactors Circle, which honors donors who have participated at the highest levels of giving in the university's history.



## 01

**Allan and Carrie Smith Burns** live in Richmond, Va., where Carrie is national employee benefits resource coordinator for Hilb Rogal & Hobbs, the nation's eighth largest insurance brokerage firm. Allan is an attorney with Cravens & Noll, P.C.

**Meg Flannagan** has become associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, Tenn.

**Reagan Singletary Flemming**, a 2007 graduate of the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law, has joined the school's Office of Diversity Initiatives as its first Fellow. The fellowship introduces recent law school graduates to careers in diversity management. She is involved in community outreach and works to encourage members of underrepresented groups to consider legal careers.

**Marcie Hocking** is now a project director with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in Washington, D.C.

**Carley Howard** has joined the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center as a pediatric hospitalist and general pediatrician.

**Beth Reuschel** earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from East Tennessee State University.

**MARRIAGE:** **Edward Waller** and Genevieve Ann Nissen, October 13. They live in Lexington, S.C.

**BIRTHS:** Leander and **Gabrielle Ferguson Cannick**, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, September 26, Charleston, S.C.

**Corey and Meredith Jonas Clinton**, a daughter, Brenna Leigh, December 29, York, S.C.

Joseph and **Jennifer Neal Gabriel**, a son, Joseph, Jr., October 5, Chapin, S.C. Jennifer has earned a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of South Carolina.

Chad and **Morgan Morehead Hodson**, a daughter, Darcy Piper, January 25, Maryville, Tenn.

Aaron and **April Shaw Howell**, a son, Noah Joe, August 2, 2007, Greenville.

Gonzalo and **Karen DeCastro Lopez Jordan**, a daughter, Camila Diana, November 1, Miami Beach, Fla.

Eric and **Erika Walker Knott**, a daughter, Julia, January 25, Alexandria, Va.

Will and **Kristie McWilliams Oliver**, a daughter, Mary Helen, March 26. They live in Duncan, S.C.

**Brad** and Jenny **Phillips**, a son, Hudson Matthew, July 13, 2007, Suwanee, Ga.

Anibal and **Laurie Moskow Sepulveda**, a son, Matias Leon, June 25, 2007, Marietta, Ga.

Chandler and **Sara Norman Todd**, a son, Noah Samuel, October 14, Greenwood, S.C. Sara is a physicians assistant for a family practice.

## 02

**Alex Fernandez** is a psychiatry resident at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Amy Godfrey** is an associate attorney in the Columbus, Ga., office of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood, LLP. She focuses on class action litigation, business litigation and catastrophic injury/wrongful death cases. She previously served as judicial law clerk to Georgia District Court Judge Clay Land.

**Janelle Hicks**, a kindergarten teacher in Rock Hill, S.C., has earned a master's degree in early childhood curriculum and instruction from Winthrop University.

**Kristy Palmer** and her husband, Ian Abernethy, live in Laramie, Wyo., where Kristy is an environmental consultant and Ian is a forensic analyst. Kristy holds a master's degree in zoology and physiology and environment and natural resources from the University of Wyoming.

**Bryn Rose Robison** is enrolled in the M.B.A. program of Wake Forest University's Babcock School of Business branch in Charlotte, N.C.

## BAND PROGRAM GETS ITS DUE

The tribute to Dan Ellis in the winter issue ("Man with a golden heart") was impressive, but it contained a glaring error about the start of the band program.

I am a member of the Class of 1960 and joined the Furman band under the direction of Sam Arnold in the fall of 1956. We had about 30 members who marched during football games at Sirmine Stadium and also toured in the spring of '57. In the fall of '57 we did not have a "real" director, but Bob Moorer '58, Frank McCravy '58, drum major David Daniel '58, Proctor Hawkins '59 and Oran Nabors '59 were asked to keep us functioning until a director could be hired.

The article is correct in that Ellis came in time for the spring tour in 1958. Even the library's "Furman Traditions" blog indicates that there was a band in '57!

Your magazine is really inspiring! I look forward to reading it cover-to-cover every issue. The "winner" in the winter issue for me was Bill King's article about the Virginia Tech shootings, "Hope in the Shadow of Despair."

— **BARBARA WEST BILLERT '60**  
Carrollton, Ga.

**Rebecca Rush** earned a Master of Arts degree in international affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. After completing a two-year Presidential Management Fellowship with the federal government, she was scheduled to enter the University of South Carolina in July to complete the International M.B.A. program.

Having earned her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Florida, **Kate Sweeny** is joining the psychology faculty at the University of California-Riverside.

Under the auspices of the Greenville Literacy Association, **Anna Mobley Woodham** has joined the Greer (S.C.) Learning Center team. She holds a master's degree in social work and previously was employed as a social worker for the Upstate Dialysis Center.

**MARRIAGES:** **Julie Fellabom** and Brian Kapusta, June 23, 2007. They live in Wexford, Pa.

**Lindsey Hancock** and Sam Williamson, October 13. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Jeff Larkin** and Carla Hatmaker, July 14, 2007. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Matthew McIver** and Carrie Ann Pearson, August 2, 2007. They live in Marietta, Ga.

**Andrew Snavelly** and Gretchen Crabb, October 6. Andrew is employed by Northrop Grumman. They live in Falls Church, Va.

**Megan Theiling** and Trevor Draper, December 1. They live in Cabin John, Md.

**BIRTHS:** Shane and **Angela Jones Alexander**, a daughter, Paula Grace, December 14, Nashville, Tenn.

**Matt** and **Melissa May Bateman**, a daughter, Emery May Bateman, April 5, Greenville.

Brad and **Sara Ann Ingram Cain**, a daughter, Anna Katherine, August 2, 2007, Orlando, Fla. Sara is an independent consultant with Southern Living at Home.

**Allen '01 and Jill Bryant Cothran**, a son, Edward Rhett, August 3, 2007, Anderson, S.C.  
**Jason and Elizabeth Kelly Simmons**, a son, Jason Paul, July 5, 2007, Savannah, Ga.  
**Ryan '04 and Becky Rank Stone**, twin sons, William Ryan and John Colton, February 13, Greenville.

## 03

### THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Matthew Goodwin** (M.A. '04) is a bowling instructor at Auburn (Ala.) University.

**Abigail Simon Lyle** is a commercial litigation associate with the Miami, Fla., office of Hunton & Williams. She graduated from the University of Miami School of Law *summa cum laude* and was the writing and research editor of the *University of Miami Law Review*.

**Linda Bertling Meade** earned her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina and is now an attorney/tax associate with the WTAS firm in New York City.

**Liz Snipes** has joined the faculty at Missouri State University in Springfield as an assistant professor of painting and drawing.

**MARRIAGES: Rebecca Bryant Coomer** and Micheal Dickerson, November 11. They live in Tampa, Fla., where Rebecca is a title agent for Flagship Title of Tampa, LLP. She also works with Micheal in their new company, Above & Below Pest Control.

**Jessica De Graffenreid** and Michael Goodman, November 3. Jessica is a communications and marketing consultant and Mike is in money management. They live in Memphis, Tenn.

**Leo Fackler and Adelaide Duffey**, June 23, 2007. They live in Orlando, Fla., where Adelaide is a high school counselor and Leo is completing his master's degree in higher education.

**Timothy Larkins and Danielle Merida** '04, September 1. They live in McLean, Va.

**Ashley Ann Patton** and James Rufus Bratton III, January 12. She teaches at Savannah Grove Elementary School in Florence, S.C., and he is an attorney.

**Holly Towle and Seth Felice**, March 1. They live in Miami, Fla. Holly is an academy manager at Shake-A-Leg Miami and is pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction in education at Barry University. Seth is in his third year of podiatry study at Barry Medical School.

**BIRTHS: Mark and Erin Bumgarner Goettsch**, a son, Nathan, July 26, 2007, Raleigh, N.C. Erin arranges non-profit travel for mission and humanitarian organizations.

**Ben '00 and Diana Rich Hall**, a son, Mason Linvil, January 30. Diana teaches physical education in Gwinnett County, Ga. Ben owns his own business and coaches the offensive line at Flowery Branch High School.

**Rad and Adrienne Neale Lowery**, a son, Isaac Matthew, October 22, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Josh '04 and Vanessa Goings McWhorter**, a son, Joshua Alan, Jr., November 28, Cartersville, Ga.  
**Roger Williams and Adelaide Sykes**, a son, Luke Adair, September 25, Charlotte, N.C.

**Rob '01 and Amanda Brackett Warren**, a son, Zachary Michael, March 24, Greenville.

## 04

**Justin and Julie Baldwin** were ordained into the priesthood of the Anglican Church on November 25. Justin is a priest in the Convocation of Anglicans in North America: Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion and, with Julie, is an associate pastor at St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Lexington, Ky. In May they received Master of Divinity degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary. Justin intends to serve

as a chaplain in the U.S. Army and Julie as a church planter.

**Rosalind Banks** has completed a Master of Arts degree in management and leadership at Webster University. She began a Ph.D. program at Walden University in February. She is co-founder of Orin Community Health Center, a non-profit in Spartanburg, S.C., and recently started Banks, Gibbson and Young LLC, an organizational development firm.

**Elizabeth Carroll** earned her law degree from George Washington University and has joined Thompson Hine LLP in Atlanta as an associate practicing in the areas of commercial real estate and capital markets.

**David Nischwitz**, marketing and public relations manager with The Phoenix (Ariz.) Symphony, is one of five people selected for the 2009 class of the Orchestra Management Fellowship Program, the country's premier training program for orchestra administrators. Sponsored by the League of American Orchestras, the program offers its Fellows a comprehensive overview of the concert music industry and hands-on experience through residencies with a variety of host orchestras throughout the country.

**Shannon Norbet** graduated with honors from Elon University in December with a doctorate in physical therapy.

**Terry Wells, Jr.**, recently received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University. He is employed with Skadden Arps Slate Meagher in New York City.

**MARRIAGES: Meagan Anderson** and Bill Longley, February 9. They live in Austin, Texas.

**Elisabeth Bowden** and Jeff Gabor, June 16, 2007. Elisabeth was scheduled to receive her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. Jeff is an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

**Rebecca Holder** and Robert Sutton, May 19, 2007. They live in Herndon, Va.

**Carl Matthew Johnson and Sarah Sylvia Crosby** '06, December 22. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Kristin Neal** and Shane Fast, February 17, 2007. They live in Spartanburg, S.C., and work with Campus Outreach, ministering to students at Wofford College.

**Molly Zeiler and James Britt Lassiter**, April 5. They live in Houston, Texas, where Molly is in a pharmacy residency program at the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital and Britt is studying for his Ph.D. degree in physics at Rice University.

**BIRTH: Brian Dandurand** and Wendy Hu, a son, Ian Huxiaoying Dandurand, October 20. Brian has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Clemson University.

## 05

**Brent Blankenship** now lives in New York City, where he is head of business development for Pluris Valuation Advisors, an illiquid securities valuation firm. He is taking post-graduate classes at Columbia University.

**Matt Cain** recently earned a Master of Education degree from Vanderbilt University.

**Jessie Cochran** has become the development events coordinator at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. MidTen Media, an internet media company in the Nashville, Tenn., area, has named **Barbara Ebert** to its on-line sales and marketing division.

**John Hanley** works at CB Richard Ellis Indianapolis, where he was recently promoted to a new position focusing on industrial leasing and sales. He has received his graduate certificate of business from Ball State University.

**Mary Kovarik** of Greenville has been named an account executive with Furay Insurance. She previously worked with the Greenville Drive, the city's minor league baseball team.

**Molly Mungovan** earned a Master of Education degree from the University

of Notre Dame and is teaching high school level students at St. George College in Santiago, Chile.

**Jordan Teague** has been promoted to Web analytics manager in the Epinteractiv division of Erwin-Penland Advertising in Greenville.

**MARRIAGES:** **Nicole Aquino** and **Jonathan Davis**, May 19, 2007. They reside in Columbia, S.C., where Jonathan is in medical school at the University of South Carolina and Nicole works for The Cason Group.

**Kelly Criss** and **Matthew Felten** '03, September 3. They are associated with the Atlanta Shakespeare Company, he as

an artistic associate and she as a teacher. Matthew played the role of Curley in the company's production of "Of Mice and Men" this spring. Kelly is also an associate producer with Laughing Matters, an improv and entertainment company.

**Lauren Fryer** and **Scott Tucker**, May 26, 2007. They live in Atlanta where she is a campaign manager with Coxe Curry & Associates.

**Mary Hedges** and **Matthew Ward** Stackpole, June 3, 2007. Mary earned her master's degree from the University of Colorado and works as an underwriting services manager for ICAT Managers in Boulder, Colo., where they live.

**Grant Hendrickson** (M.S. '06) and **Lee Evans** '07, November 17. They live in Atlanta.

**Jim Jenkins** and **Kelly Ann McLaughlin** '06, December 28. Jim has completed law school at Stetson University, where Kelly Ann just completed her second year.

**Michael Orr** and **Morgen Young** '06, December 30. They live in Columbia, S.C., where Morgen is a graduate student in public history at the University of South Carolina and Michael works for Airline Information Research, Inc.

**Janine Carruthers Rogers** and **David Courreges**, January 19. They live in Piedmont, S.C.

## 06

**Vance Arthurs** is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy at the University of South Carolina.

**Ian Calhoun** has moved to Tamarindo, Costa Rica, to work as a project manager for Frontera Properties & Developments.

**Hale Edwards** (M.S.) has been named the national middle school social studies Teacher of the Year. She has taught seventh grade at Riverside Middle School in Greenville County since 1999. In 2006, the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies named her a Middle School Teacher of Excellence.

## TRUSTEES RECOGNIZE EMERITI AT SPRING MEETING

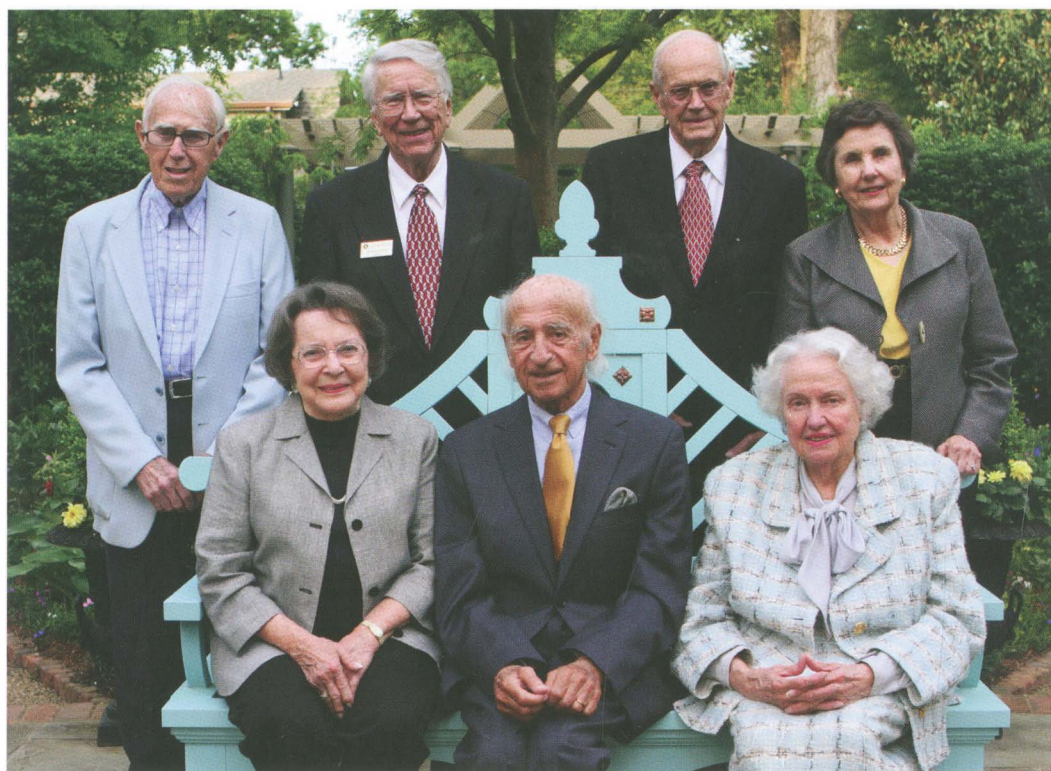
During the spring meeting of the board of trustees in May, trustees with emeritus status were honored in a special ceremony at the home of outgoing board member Emilyn Sanders and her husband, Dan.

In 1997 the trustees approved the emeritus title to recognize board members for their devotion, leadership and length of service to Furman. Thomas S. Hartness, a Greenville businessman who served as a trustee across four decades, was the first person elected to emeritus status.

Trustees emeriti serve as special ambassadors and liaisons on the university's behalf. The tribute was organized by Leighan Rinker, a current trustee and former board chair.

The 2007-08 trustees emeriti recognized at the meeting were, back row from left, Hartness, Lloyd Batson '47 of Easley, S.C., Ralph Hendricks of Simpsonville, S.C., and Elizabeth Peace Stall of Greenville. Front row, from left, Mary Peace Sterling and Max Heller, both of Greenville, and Sarah Belk Gambrell of Charlotte, N.C. Hardy Clemons of San Antonio, Texas, has been elected an emeritus trustee for 2008-09.

In addition to recognizing the emeriti, the board elected six new members for 2008-09. They are Robert Buckman of Memphis, Tenn., C. Jordan Clark of Atlanta, Randy Eaddy '76 of Winston-Salem, N.C., David Ellison '72 of Greenville, R. Todd Ruppert of



Owings Mills, Md., and Peace Sterling Sullivan of Miami, Fla. Buckman, Eaddy and Ellison have previously served as trustees.

In addition to Emilyn Sanders, board members

who completed their terms June 30 were H. Neel Hipp '73 of Greenville, William Howes '59 of Flat Rock, N.C., Stanford Jennings '84 of Alpharetta, Ga., and Carl Kohrt '65 of Columbus, Ohio.



**Stacy Simpson Lyons** is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Julie McGrath** earned a master's degree in education from Furman and now lives in Charlotte, N.C., where she teaches second grade at St. Patrick's Catholic School.

**Elizabeth Meeker** is working in administrative support with Fehrer, a German company that supplies foam seating for upscale cars. She is assigned to the Fountain Inn, S.C., location.

**MARRIAGES: Bryan Stanton and Jennifer Kattman** '07, November 17. They live in Charlotte, N.C., and are employed at Charlotte Country Day School.

**Ashley Elizabeth Brennan** (M.A. '07) and Craig Lowell Sarratt, December 28. She is a second grade teacher in Greenville County and he is studying mechanical engineering at Clemson University.

07

**Margarete Lindsay Allio** teaches at Camperdown Academy in Greenville.

**Anna Bartolini** works in southern Africa as an intern with Augsburg College's Center for Global Education. Based in Windhoek, Namibia, she is a teaching assistant, resident adviser, program coordinator and administrative assistant for CGE's study abroad programs and travel seminars.

**Caleb Coker** of Atlanta is a financial analyst with SeedAmerica, a real estate investment company.

**Galen Collins** lives in Birmingham, Ala., and works as a sales counselor with LA Weight Loss.

**Elizabeth Crockett** spent the last year in England as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, pursuing a master's degree in public policy at the University of Bristol. She plans to enroll in law school this fall at Yale University.

**Erin Lee McDermott** is a shipboard cast communications representative with Disney Cruise Line. Her duties include facilitating communication between shipboard crew members and shoreside cast members and providing company information to cast and crew via Web and print communications.

**Devon Michael** is an account maintenance administrator with Pershing Managed Account Solutions in West Chester, Pa.

**Chris Friedemann** has received a Knowles Foundation Young Scholars Teaching Fellowship for Secondary Science Education. The fellowship provides professional and financial backing for up to five years, including support for travel, professional development and completion of teaching credentials. He will pursue a master's degree in education this fall at State University of New York.

**Julianna Rogers Rue** works for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as foundation program coordinator. Her duties include events planning and volunteer coordination.

**Jamie Stephens** attends the University of Florida College of Law in Gainesville.

**Jessica Taylor** is a research associate with *The Almanac of American Politics* and the *National Journal* in Washington, D.C.

**Kim Tonkin** is a sports information assistant at Furman, with responsibility for marketing and public relations for the athletics program.

**MARRIAGES: Patrick Ryan Smith** and Lee-Wilson Steen, January 5. Patrick is pursuing a master's degree in software engineering at the University of Texas-Dallas.

**Lindsay Timmerman** and Steven Niedringhaus, October 27. They live in Cayce, S.C. Lindsay is an assistant editor with *Columbia Metropolitan Magazine*.

FURMAN ON THE WEB

Laura Glish '06 has spent the last year volunteering, working and traveling in Africa and Asia. When, a few months back, she offered to write an article for the magazine about her impressions of India, we were already planning to publish Kartikeya Singh's story from India in this issue (page 12).

But we quickly realized that Laura's story would work well for the *Furman* magazine Web page at [www.furman.edu/fumag](http://www.furman.edu/fumag). It would offer a different view of life in India and would complement without duplicating Kartikeya's piece.

You'll find Laura's article under the Special to the Web feature on the Web page. You'll also discover another Web-exclusive feature from Anna Bartolini '07, who describes her work in Namibia for the Center for Global Education.

That's the beauty of having a magazine Web page. When space in the print version is tight, the Web provides an outlet for more stories from Furman alumni about their lives and adventures, or to expand on stories from the printed magazine.

[Furman.edu/fumag](http://Furman.edu/fumag) provides other services as well, including a quick survey that asks for reader input on the magazine, a "Send Your News" tab for submitting class notes items, and archived stories from past issues. So when you have the chance, visit [www.furman.edu/fumag](http://www.furman.edu/fumag).

DEATHS

**Blanche Lorene Southern** '24, April 14, Greenville. She taught at Parker and Greenville high schools and was a librarian in the Greenville County school system for 35 years.

**Minnie Elizabeth Brockman** '33, November 30, Greenville. She was retired from Stone Manufacturing Company. She also worked with the Greenville Baptist Association as women's director for 10 years and as assistant Sunbeam director.

**Myrtle Ballenger Corbin Lee** '33, February 16, Tigerville, S.C. She was a teacher in several Upstate rural schools. She later became a librarian and driver of a bookmobile with the Greenville County library system. She also worked in the library of North Greenville College (now University) and retired as the school's

postmistress. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Louise Lee Ballenger** '34, December 14, Batesburg, S.C. She practiced optometry for 56 years and was a lifetime member of the American Optometric Association. She was active in civic clubs and organizations in the Batesburg-Leesville community.

**Jessie Smith Barton** '35, January 28, Columbia, S.C. She was an instructor of English at Furman for six years and was employed by the School District of Greenville County for 20 years as a principal at three elementary schools. She had been president of the Greenville County Education Association, served on the board of the South Carolina Education Association, and was active in Democratic Women of Greenville.

**William S. McDonald** '35, January 9, Georgetown, S.C. He taught school before becoming regional manager of International Paper Co., Container Division, in Georgetown. He retired in 1979 as manager of the company's Uniwood Division in Statesville, N.C.

**Arthur Lewis Bozeman** '36, March 1, Lexington, Va. He was a veteran of World War II, with a specialty in wiring aircraft carriers. He also served with the Harbor Patrol. He was co-owner and president of B.W. Burdette Hardware until his retirement. He was a volunteer fireman and a member of the Lions Club.

**Ann Harrison** '36, December 25, Morristown, Tenn. She was employed for many years as office manager at Praters in Morristown.

**Robert Edward Bowen** '37, February 7, Pickens, S.C. He was retired from the Pickens County Tax Assessors Office and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a Shriner and a lifetime member of the Keowee Masonic Lodge.

**Corinne "Coty" Branyon Burton** '37, February 5, Winnsboro, S.C. She worked for U.S. Rubber Company and later taught at Richard Winn Academy. She also worked with the American Red Cross Blood Mobile

and served on the board of the Fairfield County Library. She volunteered at Fairfield Memorial Hospital and with Meals on Wheels.

**Dorothy Bozard Fowler** '37, February 16, Greenville. She retired as a teacher from the Greenville County School District and Christ Church Episcopal School. She was a member of the National Honorary Teachers Organization and of Alpha Delta Kappa.

**James Wilson Brockman** '38, February 5, Chester, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action in Northern France and in the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the EAME Theatre Ribbon with four battle stars. After his military service, he was the owner of Brockman Poultry Farm.

**Edward Wimberly Clay** '38, February 21, Greenville. His career in pharmacy spanned 50 years. He served as a Naval officer aboard the USS Philadelphia during World War II.

**Emma Lena Martin King** '38, February 12, Greenville. She worked for the U.S. Marshall's office for 10 years and was a legal secretary in Greenville County government.

**Gladys Moore Rountree** '38, April 12, Barnwell, S.C. She was a retired employee of the South Carolina Department of Social Services.

**Evelyn Owen Ford** '39, March 4, Edisto Island, S.C.

**John William Johnston** '39, December 30, Charlotte, N.C. He was a meteorologist in Charleston, S.C., and Greensboro, N.C., and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. The Army assigned him to India to serve as an aircraft maintenance officer for three years and then to the Long Beach, Calif., Airbase, where he was on a military tribunal. After his retirement from the military, he obtained a law degree and joined the Helms and Mullis law firm in Charlotte, soon becoming a senior partner. He stayed with the firm (now Helms, Mullis and Wicker) for 34 years and was involved in securities and merger work for a number of prominent Charlotte banks and businesses. He served as a board member of the Mint Museum of Art.

**Eleanor Mullinnix Ramseur** '39, January 15, Greenville. She was active in civic and service organizations in the Greenville community.

**Anne Newby Riddle** '39, December 11, Greenville. She taught at Slater-Marietta Elementary School and Parker High School.

**Margaret E. "Betty" Willis** '39, January 14, Gastonia, N.C. She retired as vice president and secretary of First Federal Savings and Loan of Gastonia.

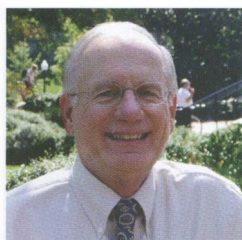
**William Boroughs Bolt** '41, January 9, Taylors, S.C. After his ordination in 1943, he was pastor of South Carolina Baptist churches in Greenville, Gray Court and Spartanburg. He was moderator of the North Spartanburg Baptist Association and the North Greenville Baptist Association.

**Mildred Mower Maynard** '41, October 21, Sandy Spring, Md. She got her professional break after World War II at *New Yorker* magazine, where she worked with longtime editor William Shawn and humorist/cartoonist James Thurber, among others. Her career in publishing spanned more than 40 years, and she edited manuscripts for such well-known writers as John le Carré and Michael Crichton. After her retirement in 1998, she became involved in Democratic politics and the Alzheimer's Association.

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS NAMED FOR SHUCKER .....

His retirement dinner in late January marked the formal end of the Harry Shucker Era at Furman — but certainly not the end of his legacy to the university.

After more than 40 years as a Furman student and administrator, the last 22 as vice president for student services, Shucker, a 1966 graduate, began the "retired" phase of his life January 1 — as a temporary volunteer for the Furman development office. One of his tasks has been to help



raise \$500,000 to endow the university's leadership programs, which have been named in his honor.

Shucker says he considers establishment of the leadership programs one of his greatest accomplishments at Furman. Directed by Kim Keefer, the programs promote the ideals of citizenship and community service and are designed to help students develop and pursue leadership opportunities on campus and off. They reflect Shucker's belief that "leadership is an action, not a position."

Emilyn Sanders, an outgoing member of the board of trustees, has said, "After serving as a trustee representative on the Student Services Committee

for more than 10 years, I can say that at all times student issues were Dr. Shucker's issues. He was never affected by the success of an undertaking. If he felt it the right thing to do, he was for it regardless of the possible outcome."

Certainly the marks of a true leader. And given Shucker's pride in the success of the leadership programs, naming them in his honor is the perfect way to extend his legacy at Furman.

To join students, alumni, colleagues, friends and family in supporting the Shucker Leadership Programs, call Betsy Moseley '74, director of special projects, at (864) 294-3491, or e-mail [betsy.moseley@furman.edu](mailto:betsy.moseley@furman.edu).

**Sarah Donald Robinson** '41, February 11, Greenville. She had worked as corporate secretary for Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan, which later merged into American Federal Bank.

**Vera Lee Blackmon Smith** '41, February 22, Spartanburg, S.C. She volunteered with Total Ministries.

**Charles Bondurant Dudley** '42, December 19, Greenville. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II. He worked as a cotton broker and was a competitive golfer, winning the North-South championship in 1947, the South Carolina State Championship in 1948, and the Carolinas Championship in 1952. He qualified for eight U.S. Amateurs, played in two U.S. Opens and was inducted into the South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame in 1989.

**Barbara Sawhill Smith** '42, January 13, White Plains, N.Y. She served in the WAVES (U.S. Navy) during World War II.

**Nancy Welch Cartwright** '43, December 26, San Antonio, Texas. She taught elementary school in Aransas Pass, Texas, for more than 30 years.

**Felix Levi Finley, Jr.** '43, January 29, Pickens, S.C. He was the owner of Finley Law Firm P.A. He was a former director

and vice president of Pickens Savings and Loan Association, attorney for Pickens County, attorney for the city of Pickens and director of Pickens Bank. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a Mason and a Shriner.

**Mary Gault Curry** '44, February 6, Akron, Ohio.

**Catherine Mackey Hendrix** '44, March 5, Greenville. She retired from the Greenville Hospital System as a medical technologist.

**Sarah McLaurin Milford** '44, January 1, Greenville. She was involved in various civic and service activities.

**Clyde Ernest Sullivan, Jr.** '44, March 9, Calabash, N.C. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was active in American Legion Post 380, where he was commander and national child welfare chair.

**Jane Vaughan Eastland** '45, March 25, Greenville. She spent much of her teaching career in Greenville County public schools.

**Helen Farmer Sweat** '45, December 31, Augusta, Ga. She was a first grade teacher.

**Marian Smith Samuel** '45, December 10, Beaufort, S.C.

**Jean Jennings Eargle** '46, February 23, Prosperity, S.C. She began teaching reading at Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, S.C., in 1956 and then moved

to Dade County, Fla., in 1961, where she was the faculty union representative for Parkway Junior High School until her retirement in 1984.

**Sherodd "Sherry" R. Albritton** '48, December 22, Winchester, Va. He was a retired clergyman with the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. After he was ordained in 1966, he served in parishes in Corning, N.Y., Macon, Ga., and Alexandria, Va., and then became professor of homiletics, speech and music at Virginia Theological Seminary, retiring in 1983. He also served as chair of the music department at Goucher College. As a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

**Daniel Bates Gaskins** '48, January 30, Seneca, S.C. He was a retired school principal, a Mason and a U.S. Navy veteran.

**Carolyn Slemmons Hatfield** '48, January 31, Dallas, Texas. She had been employed by Pacific Lyman Mills.

**Miriam Harrison Murff** '48, February 2, Columbia, S.C. She taught business classes in Pendleton, S.C., and Allendale, S.C., and worked at Fidelity Federal in Greenville. She later became executive secretary to the president of Columbia Junior College. She had been a member of the Symphony

League, was a volunteer at Palmetto Hospital and worked with the homeless.

**Clyde Kemsy Bizzell** '49, April 5, Louisville, Ky. Following two years in the U.S. Army, he attended seminary and went on to serve for more than 50 years in Baptist churches in Louisiana, Florida and Texas.

**E. Dupre Lancaster** '49, April 5, Greer, S.C. He was a retired production engineer for J.P. Stevens and Co.

**Walter Edwin McDaniel** '49, January 31, Greenville. He served during World War II as a U.S. Army Ranger and was a prisoner of war for 15 months. He was a retired United Methodist minister and was pastor of a number of churches throughout South Carolina.

**Lewie H. Miller, Jr.** '49, February 13, Greenville. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force, in which he served as a chaplain during World War II and Vietnam. He was also a retired Baptist minister and was a member of Rotary International and the International Society of Bible Collectors.

**Richard Benton Osborne, Jr.** '49, December 16, Greenville.

## STUBB APPOINTED FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER

**Alexander Stubb**, the 1993 Furman graduate who has served as a representative to the European Parliament from Finland since 2004, was appointed the country's Minister of Foreign Affairs in April.

In his new position he is responsible for foreign and security policy and matters related to the Foreign Service. Stubb, 40, also serves as chair of the 56-state Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the world's largest regional security group.

Born in Helsinki in 1968, he received the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence when he graduated from Furman. He went on to earn a doctorate from the London School of Economics

and is the author of a number of books and articles on the European Union.

He has been a counselor on institutional affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels and was also an adviser to Romano Prodi when Prodi was president of the European Commission. He spoke at Furman last spring at a conference sponsored by the Richard W. Riley Institute.

The Fall 2005 issue of *Furman* featured an article on Stubb, reprinted from *European Voice*, titled "The Smile." Read it on-line at [www.furman.edu/fumag](http://www.furman.edu/fumag).

To learn more about Stubb's current work, visit [www.alexstubb.com](http://www.alexstubb.com).





**Robert Glen Revis** '49, December 24, Chester, Va. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was an avid golfer.

**Gary Evan Douglas, Jr.** '50, January 18, Charlotte, N.C. He taught for four years at the Hawaiian Baptist Academy and retired as an elementary school principal after 32 years of service. He was an organist, pianist and composer and served in the U.S. Navy.

**Charles Van Sikes, Sr.** '50, March 18, Lillington, N.C. After service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he began his business career with M and J Finance Corporation before joining the Bank of North Carolina in Lillington, where he worked as a manager for 20 years. He was twice president of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce, was president of the Lillington Lions Club, was Lillington town commissioner for eight years and was head of the Harnett County Heart Association for five years.

**Henry Marco Tezza** '50, January 8, Spartanburg, S.C. He was the founder and president of Tezza Tile Company and was president of the South Carolina Tile Association.

**George Manning League** '51, July 8, 2007, Spartanburg, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a former employee of Milliken & Company.

**Sam Edward Strauss, Jr.** '53, February 24, Anderson, S.C. He retired as a school teacher from Dixie High School in Due West, S.C. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and served as a missionary in the Dominican Republic with the West Indies Mission.

**J. Paul Ross, Jr.** '54, January 11, Elgin, S.C. After retiring from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, he became a master woodcraftsman and was owner of Paul's Wood Craft.

**Leona Parker** '55, October 31, Williamston, S.C. She was an elementary school teacher in Anderson (S.C.) District 1 for many years.

**Henry Lee Taylor** '55, December 18, Anchorage, Alaska. After serving as a drill instructor in the U.S. Marine Corps, he settled in Alaska during its territorial days. He worked as an insurance claims adjuster and became a private investigator. He later obtained his law degree and became a prominent Alaska attorney. He was a pioneer in remote Alaska sports hunting and fishing and was featured in *Alaska Magazine* and in two books, *More Alaska Bear Tales* and *Some Bears Kill*.

**Ann Cudd McGuire** '56, March 11, Auburn, Ala.

**Martha Leathers Wennerberg** '57, March 5, Pensacola, Fla. She served as youth director at Baptist churches in Washington, D.C., and Montgomery, Ala., after receiving her master's degree in religious education. She was State Young Women's Auxiliary Director with the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union. She was president of the Florida Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and was national recording secretary for the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention. She was also on the WMU Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Gail Lamb Edwards** '60, March 6, Raleigh, N.C. She retired from the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles as an administrative assistant.

**James Neil Mathews** '60, December 10, Asheville, N.C. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. and later in the trucking industry. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

**Roy O. Forrest** '61, February 10, Taylors, S.C. He was a U.S. Army medic during the Korean Conflict. A Baptist minister, he served several churches in South Carolina before retiring from Locust Hill Baptist Church in Travelers Rest, S.C. He was a three-time member of the S.C. Baptist Convention's General Board and spent 20 years as a discipleship training consultant for the Southern Baptist Convention. He was moderator of North Greenville Baptist

## TRANSITION — AND RECOGNITION

President Bush's Commencement appearance spurred us to do something we'd been wanting to do for a while — shift the publication dates for *Furman* magazine. By moving the print date of this issue back six weeks to include coverage of the president's visit, we are able to alter our schedule for future issues.

For the past nine years, the summer magazine was printed and mailed in late August. Similarly, the fall, winter and spring issues were produced in late November, February and May.

Thanks to the schedule transition, we plan henceforth to publish the magazine a little earlier each quarter. This does mean we have no official spring issue this year; technically, this edition is a spring/summer compilation. But we believe we'll now have greater scheduling flexibility.

As for recognition: At the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III meeting in February, *Furman* received two Grand awards — one for publication improvement, based on the redesign introduced in the fall of 2006, and the other as the district's best magazine for institutions with 5,000 students or less. Grand awards are the top honors in each category.

CASE is the leading national organization for college advancement professionals. District III consists of more than 4,000 members from institutions in nine Southeastern states.

The lion's share of credit for the awards goes to designer Jane Dorn, who provides the clean, crisp look for the magazine's editorial content — and whose serenity and grace under pressure ease the way during times of deadline pressure. Thanks as well to Nell Smith, who doubles as class notes editor and eagle-eyed proofreader.

Of course, we realize we can't guarantee this level of achievement every year. As one of my colleagues charmingly put it, "There's nowhere to go from here but down."

Maybe so. But we can guarantee that we won't stop trying to raise the bar.

— JIM STEWART, *editor*

Association and was on the board of advisors for North Greenville, Gardner-Webb and Campbell universities.

**Lois Ann Duncan** '62, February 5, Greenville. She worked as a medical social worker with the Greenville Hospital System and then as a caseworker with the Department of Social Services before becoming a Title 1 school social worker in the Greenville County School District, where she

remained until her retirement in 2003. She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the South Carolina Association of School Social Workers.

**Linda Mae Roper Patton** '62, December 18, Fountain Inn, S.C. She taught in the Greenville County school system for 31 years.

## CLASS NOTES POLICY

Because of the large number of submissions and clippings Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the time needed to review, compile and edit so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

*Furman* magazine does not publish dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication) or engagement announcements. When sending news for class notes, please include your spouse's or child's name, whether your spouse is a Furman graduate, and the date and city where the birth or marriage occurred.

When sent electronically, news about alumni couples who graduated in different years is included under the graduation date of the submitter. In other cases it goes under the earliest graduation date. It is not listed with both classes.

Send news to the Office of Marketing and Public Relations, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy., Greenville, S.C. 29613, or e-mail to [alumni@furman.edu](mailto:alumni@furman.edu). Selected information submitted to the on-line alumni registry (<http://alumni.furman.edu>) is included in class notes.

**Henry Hoffman Reynolds, Jr.** '62, October 17, Chattanooga, Tenn. He retired from IBM with 29 years of service. He was frequently a member of IBM's 100 Percent Sales Club and was a pioneer in the application of computerized technology in the carpet industry. He also worked with Chadwick and Associates for seven years.

**Harley G. "Buddy" Babb, Jr.** '64, November 23, Fountain Inn, S.C. A veteran of the European Theatre in World War II, he was wounded multiple times and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. After his military service, he was called into the ministry and was pastor of several Upstate churches before becoming chief of counseling with the Greenville County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

**Allen Franklin Cantrell** '64, February 22, Black Mountain, N.C. He began his ministry by directing music at West Hendersonville (N.C.) Baptist Church and playing gospel music on the piano at a local radio station. Following seminary, he served

for 21 years as minister of music at North Carolina Baptist churches in Asheville, Hickory and Black Mountain. After he retired in 1991, he assisted Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church in Marion and First Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa with their music programs.

**Sarah-Patsy Miller Knight** '64, January 5, Greensboro, N.C. She taught English at Sequoyah and Peachtree high schools in DeKalb County, Ga. She also taught at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. In North Carolina she worked at Guilford Technical Community College and at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, where she was director of the Dorothy Carpenter Archives. She co-authored several publications and served as a loaned executive to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County United Way. She was a member of Delta Omicron national music honor society, American Association of University Women, Society of American Archivists, North Carolina Association of Archivists, National Council

of Teachers of English and the American Library Association.

**Claude Thomas Wilson** '64, M.A. '67, December 5, Greenville. He was director of the children's program at Marshall I. Pickens Hospital for 12 years and directed the Greenville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for 17 years. At the time of his death, he was employed at Greenville Middle Academy. He served on many community boards.

**Donna Sanders Painter** '68, April 30, Asheville, N.C. She was minister with senior adults at First Baptist Church of Asheville.

**Jerry Wayne Davis** '69, February 14, Fort Mill, S.C. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a former employee of Duke Energy and was retired from The Compass Group.

**Steven Douglas Reddick** '70, March 18, Merritt Island, Fla. He was a research analyst with the U.S. government and had served in the U.S. Army.

**Delane Baker Wood**, M.A. '72, February 26, Travelers Rest, S.C. She taught at North Greenville College (now University) for 31 years. She was a member of the Beta Alpha Club, National Education Association and Business Club.

**Patty Lee Burch Hass** '73, January 15, Durham, N.C. She was president of Chatham Research, LLC, at the time of her death. She contributed to the development of the world's first high throughput analytical chemistry laboratory and to projects that led to environmental and human health improvement.

**Mary Herring Sansone**, M.A. '73, March 8, Greenville. She taught high school science before going to work during World War II at the nuclear research facility in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She later worked for 25 years as a librarian for Greenville County Schools.

**Sharon "Kay" Thompson Plyler** '76, March 8, Matthews, N.C. She was assistant town manager for the city of Matthews for 13 years and twice served as interim town manager. She was an

equine enthusiast and won many Hunter Jumper events.

**Carroll Gray Jones** '78, January 20, Taylors, S.C. He was the owner of Instant Photo Systems.

**Gary M. Clonts** '79, January 19, Chattanooga, Tenn. After receiving his medical degree, he completed his residency in Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla. He was board-certified in occupational medicine and family practice and was director of health services for the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

**James Douglas Beddingfield** '84, March 29, Greenville. He was a former Furman football player and active in the Letterman's Association. He worked as a licensed securities and insurance broker, was a stand-up comic for two years, and most recently was a founding partner of Youth Sports Live.

**Charia "Shara" Annette Styles** '87, February 26, Columbia, S.C. She was employed by NCR.

**Carolyn Sue Hartman Shealy**, M.A. '89, January 18, Easley, S.C. She had taught at Holmes Bible College in Greenville since 1974.

**Patrick Gregg Ramseur** '90, February 4, 2007, Hickory, N.C.

**Jessica Pety** '08, February 3, Palmer Lake, Colo. She was killed in an automobile accident while working with Mission Training International in preparation for an 18-month experience in Spain as a missionary with World Harvest Missions. This spring she was inducted posthumously into Furman's Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

**Shirley Gruber Mangels**, March 3, Greenville. She was a longtime employee of the Division of Continuing Education at Furman and received the university's Chiles-Harrill Award in 2005 for her contributions to the lives of students. She was a member of Pi Omega Pi honorary fraternity and Phi Gamma Nu professional sorority.

## HE'S THE ONE BEHIND THOSE FOSTER GRANTS — FOR REAL

Alec Taylor is old enough to remember when the likes of Raquel Welch and Sophia Loren were behind those Foster Grants. Today, however, it's safe to say that nobody is more behind the famous shades than he is.

Taylor, a 1975 Furman graduate, was named the CEO of FGX International, the company that manufactures Foster Grants, in October of 2005, marking the latest step in a life journey that began in Johnson City, Tenn., during the heyday of one of the most famous ad campaigns of all time.

"Not in my wildest dreams," Taylor says when asked if heading the leading eyewear operation in the world was where he thought he would be three decades after he earned a political science degree from Furman. "I was a lawyer for 20 years."

In fact, Taylor says he was lucky to have been admitted to Furman. "I got put on the waiting list, which is exactly where I belonged," he says. "I got in by the hair of my chinny chin chin. [University president] Gordon Blackwell had mercy on me."

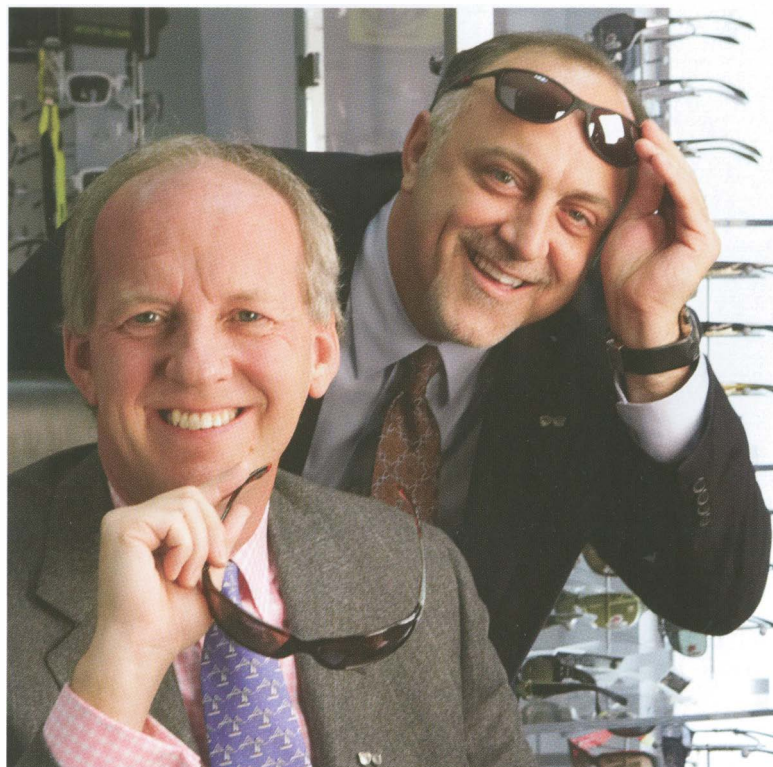
Taylor went on to prove that the hunch Blackwell had about his potential was on target, as he did well enough at Furman to gain entrance into law school at Vanderbilt University. That sparked a long and successful career in the legal field.

Taylor says he wasn't really thinking about changing anything until a client, impressed by his work, asked him to make the jump to the business world by offering him a high-ranking position with Chatterm Chemicals Inc. in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"He said, 'Come here and run this company and be my president, my No. 2 guy,'" Taylor recalls. "I had all types of reservations about it and wondered if I was capable of doing it. But it was kind of the midpoint of my legal career, and I thought if I was ever going to do anything different, it was now."

After taking the job in January 1998, he quickly discovered that advertising and bottom lines intrigued him. And rather than being a hindrance, his law background proved to be hugely beneficial.

"Lawyers are terrible business people," he says. "They struggle running their own checkbooks. But law also teaches a very logical thought process. You do a lot of A-to-B-to-C thinking. You learn not to do A and skip to Z."



Alec Taylor '75 (seated) and FGX executive vice president Anthony DiPaola display their company's signature item.

He took to his corporate role like a seasoned veteran, and it wasn't long until he was ready to take another big step. FGX was planning to go public, and another friend thought Taylor would be the perfect choice to spearhead the transition.

"I'd taken companies public as a lawyer, so I knew that process," he says. "I hated to leave [Chatterm], but I wanted to be a CEO and have a chance to run my own gig."

Taylor says one of the things he insisted upon when taking the job was that the company make a commitment to spend more money on advertising. FGX agreed, and soon the ads he remembered from his youth were revived — only this time with regular people replacing celebrities. The effort was designed to put Foster Grant on a new generation's radar and to keep the company at the forefront of the industry.

"We asked people under 40, 'What does Foster Grant mean to you?' And they said a government aid program," Taylor says with a laugh.

In addition to the challenge of running a high profile company, Taylor also had to adjust to moving

to Rhode Island (Smithfield), where FGX is based.

"People in Rhode Island have this deep, thick accent. My first three months I had to carry a translator around. I wondered if they were speaking English," Taylor says — then points out that his colleagues felt the same way about his Southern accent.

"But I've really enjoyed it," he adds. "We do a lot of kidding about Southernisms. People wanted to know if we were going to add catfish and grits to the cafeteria. I haven't imposed any of that yet."

Taylor says he doesn't get back to Furman often, but he counts his years at what was then still the "new" campus as critical to the person he is today.

"I remember the first time going through those gates and having the 'wow' event we all had," he says. "It starts there. It's a really special place."

"Furman nurtured people and made you feel like you could be somebody."

— RON WAGNER

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